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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
California Department of Transportation
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Attention: Ross A. Chittenden, Division of Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Tulare County Association of Governments' 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 23

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has completed its review of the Tulare County Association of Governments' (TCAG) 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 23 submitted by your letter dated July 13, 2006. The amendment includes changes to the local element of the FTIP by modifying the location of one project funded through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program.

We approve this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*. We find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The approved change made to the FTIP by this amendment does not result in the need to make a conformity determination. Therefore, we find that the FTIP continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of TCAG's 2004 FTIP Amendment No. 23 into California's 2004/2005 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. However, this approval does not constitute eligibility determinations for any specified funding program for the project contained in this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Mayela Sosa, of the FHWA, at (916) 498-5022.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mayela Sosa

For
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